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The variable names mentioned in this document belong to a collection of datasets, which is released with doi:10.5684/soep-core.v35.
Reading Aid

This representation of the questionnaire contains the same informations as the portal paneldata.org.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Question Number</th>
<th>Question Text</th>
<th>Interviewer Instructions</th>
<th>Answer Options</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Q72</td>
<td>Now we would like to know something about you personally. Were you born in Germany? This refers to Germany or the Federal Republic of Germany or the German Democratic Republic in the national borders at the time of your birth.</td>
<td>Yes 1</td>
<td>No 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Q73</td>
<td>What country were you born in? Please enter the current name!</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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</table>

Here, in addition to the question number, question text, interviewer instructions, and answer options, you find printed in green the file name and the variable name with the variable label, which contains information from the question. If you see rows of green lines below the answer option, the questionnaire defines several variables or informations are stored in more than one data set. The routing by filters is depicted in blue.

Each variable is preceded by an identifier, which usually contains the question number and which is used when the variable is used in filters in subsequent questions. Such filters are usually placed as input filters (gatekeepers) at the beginning of a question. An identifier that is referred to in the input filter of a subsequent question is marked yellow as an example.

This reading aid does not cover a few exceptional cases: If the filter (as gatekeeper) only affects one of several variables for a question, the filter is printed in blue behind the variable. There you will also find a “go to” command in the form 2 @ Q73. Here, the questionnaire skips to question 73 if answer 2 was given.

Phrases that are not already translated in English are displayed in German and preceded by [de].
Finally we want to please you to answer the following questions about your biography

### BN1 Where were you born?

<table>
<thead>
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<tr>
<td>In The FRG</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>In The GDR</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>In Germany</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>On german territory between 1938 and 1949</td>
<td>4</td>
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<tr>
<td>In the Saarland between 1947 and 1956</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>In Germany, in an area which was before the war German territory until 1937</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>In another country</td>
<td>7</td>
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### BN2 In which federal state is your place of birth today?

<table>
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<td>Baden-Wuerttemberg</td>
<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bavaria</td>
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<tr>
<td>Berlin</td>
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<td>Hamburg</td>
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<td>Mecklenburg-West Pomerania</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td>Lower Saxony</td>
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<td>North Rhine-Westphalia</td>
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<td>Rhineland - Palatinate</td>
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<td>Saarlouis</td>
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<td>Saxony</td>
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<td>Saxony-Anhalt</td>
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<td>Schleswig - Holstein</td>
<td>15</td>
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<tr>
<td>Thuringia</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Place of birth does not lies in Germany today</td>
<td>17</td>
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### BN3 In which country/state lies your place of birth today?

*If there were political changes in the course of the years, please state the actual, if possible German name.*
BN4 What city or town were you born in? If there is more than one town with the same name, please also state the name of the nearest city.

Please write the name of the town in the left blank and any additional information in the right blank. For example, write "Düsseldorf," "Frankfurt an der Oder," "Frankfurt am Main," in the left blank and in the case of "Roßdorf bei Schmalkalden," write "Roßdorf" in the left and "bei Schmalkalden" in the right blank. Please follow the same procedure for birthplaces outside Germany!

BN5 The following question should give a look into the relation from school recommendation and later career. Because of this the question: have you had after graduating at elementary school a recommendation for General school, Secondary school or Gymnasium?

If there are different names of schools in the course of the years, please try to associate.

General school recommendation or comparable 1
Secondary school recommendation 2
Gymnasium recommendation 3
At my school no recommendations were given 4

BN5:5  biol  lb1342  Recommended For Intermediate School

BNV1 In which year was your father born?

BNV1:6  biol  lb0082_v3

BNV2 Where were your father born?

In The FRG 1
In The GDR 2
On german territory between 1938 and 1949 3
In Germany, in an area which was before the war German territory until 1937 4
In another country 5

BNV2:7  biol  lb1344

BNV3 In which country/state lies your father’s place of birth today?

If there were political changes in the course of the years, please state the actual, if possible German name.

BNV4 What city or town was your father born in? If there is more than one town with the same name, please also state the name of the nearest city.

Please write the name of the town in the left blank and any additional information in the right blank. For example, write "Düsseldorf," "Frankfurt an der Oder," "Frankfurt am Main," in the left blank and in the case of "Roßdorf bei Schmalkalden," write "Roßdorf" in the left and "bei Schmalkalden" in the right blank. Please follow the same procedure for birthplaces outside Germany!
**BNM1** In which year was your mother born?

**BNM2** Where was your mother born?

- In The FRG 1
- In The GDR 2
- On german territory between 1938 and 1949 3
- In Germany, in an area which was before the war German territory until 1937 4
- In another country 5

**BNM3** In which country/state lies your father’s place of birth today?

*If there were political changes in the course of the years, please state the actual, if possible German name.*

**BNM4** What city or town was your mother born in? If there is more than one town with the same name, please also state the name of the nearest city.

*Please write the name of the town in the left blank and any additional information in the right blank. For example, write "Düsseldorf," "Frankfurt an der Oder," "Frankfurt am Main," in the left blank and in the case of "Roßdorf bei Schmalkalden," write "Roßdorf" in the left and "bei Schmalkalden" in the right blank. Please follow the same procedure for birthplaces outside Germany!*